

Minutes of BIOC Forum, held June 4, 1973 at N.J. Bell Telephone Co. 540 Broad Street, Vail Hall.

Present:

Robert Fortescue  
Helen Mitchell  
Rickey Elaine  
Brenda Everett  
Edwin Bess  
Patrick H. Taylor  
Leslie Rupprecht  
Dan Sawyer  
Marion Kidd  
F.K. Stanley  
Lillian Lago  
Dennis Cherot  
Horace Hunt  
William Mallory  
Charles Recktenwald  
Richard Proctor  
Jack Krauskopf  
Edgar Lee

Nadean Porter  
Willie C. Webb  
William Zimmerman  
Jeanne N. Oppel  
Ethel M.  
Jerome L. Trachtenberg  
Hank Boardman  
Ellen Walsh  
Betty Domigan  
John Maguire  
Manuel De Para  
Marie Wolsifer  
Rowena A. Warren  
Shirley E. Boyd  
Irene Fryer  
Thomas Latham  
Mrs. Juanita Hobbs  
Thomas Boykin

S. Young Bey  
Edward Pfeffer  
Laura Baker  
Ken Kubicki  
Bertha Gibson  
Ken Peterson  
Pierce Hampton  
Margaret F. Smith  
Theresa David  
Don Harris  
Stanley E. Terrell  
Ann Lawrence  
Pam Gross  
Henry L. Cade  
Malissa Waters  
Glen M. Brickus  
Hayward Miller  
Lynnette Cooke

The meeting was opened by Richard Proctor, Jr.; following that all persons present introduced themselves, and stated what company or organization they represented.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jules Lozowick, in the absence of Joseph Denehan. BIOC has an income of \$13,000, while the expenses total \$24,000, two commitments have been made, though funding amounts have not been finalized.

Mr. John Maguire, gave the Public Relations and Community Affairs Report. Mr. Maguire noted that beginning plans are being made for the 10th Anniversary celebration. He further noted that there would be no Forum meetings held during July and August. An invitation was extended for all to attend the celebration when finalized.

Mr. Thomas Boykin, reported on the Three (3) Training Programs (Clerical) and the Police Training Program. The now completed Police Training Program, has encountered some problems in dealing with the Civil Service Commission. Since the completion of the program, from which 86 enrollees were prepared to take the test, the filing date for the test has been moved back twice, also delaying the test date which is usually thirty-five (35) days after the closing date for filing.

Mr. Boykin also announced that a check was received from Mr. John Clarkson of Mutual Benefit Life, in the amount of \$ 1,395.00 to maintain the Advanced Night Typing Class.

Mr. Eugene Campbell commented that, the question of lowering the height requirement for police men should be looked into. Both Mr. Proctor & Mr. Boykin said they would do this.

Mr. Lozowick relayed that the Executive Committee had voted to amalgamate with the Chamber of Commerce, with the move to take place on or before January 1, 1974. The details of this matter are to be worked out by the Co-Chairmen, and the Executive Director.

Mr. Lozowick read an article on the Urban Coalition Conference from the Washington Post. He noted that there was a large turn out, with approximately 45 persons representing the City of Newark.

Richard Proctor, Jr. BIOC Co-Chairman and Moderator for the evening asked all panelists to take their places on stage, in order to start the second part of the general meeting. Mr. Proctor began with an explanation of some of the things BIOC has been involved in over the last ten years. He explained the three steps that have been taken regarding the problems at Central High School, and the fourth step was presented as a question mark with Mr. Proctor noting that this step rested upon what was the outcome of this Forum.

Each panelist was given the opportunity to voice a statement of his purpose and ideas for the Education Committee. Due to a lack of time, Mr. Henry Cade, who was last to speak, was unable to give a presentation of the Hilda Taba Teaching Strategies. Mr. Cade took a few moments to tell basically what the program involved.

a) To get teachers involved with more student participation. Prepared were slides with answers to various questions put to teachers who have completed the program. Mr. Cade then introduced Ms. Gerry Dawson, a teacher at Morton Street School, who shared her experiences. She stated that she felt that her students "opened up more and were not afraid to express their opinions".

( As the group participation began, most comments and questions were directed towards the extent that business has been/or will be involved with the changes at Central High School. )

Mr. Proctor asked that BIOC re-evaluate their goals and submit within 5-days-- 5 names from Community Business and the School to serve as a Steering Committee to link all of the entities. He further asked that in 2 weeks there be a Special Executive Board Meeting, and also in 3 weeks there be a meeting of those 15 people representing the three groups.

The following items were discussed:

- a) The reading level of students in Newark.
- b) The need for teachers, students, parents, and business to be involved.
- c) Need for city personnel and citizens to demonstrate that they care.
- d) Student motivation being related to a course.
- e) Need to expand those good programs, now being run on a small scale.
- f) Orientation Program for both Students and Parents prior to entering high school.

Jules Lozowick, threw out to the group a few questions that had not been brought up, ~~but more than likely would~~.

Ms. Elayne Brodie, made the most emphatic statement of the evening centering around the need for accountability.

Mr. Proctor adjourned the meeting following comments by Dr. Pfeffer, with the reminder that persons with the responsibility of obtaining their Steering Committee representatives names do so by June 8, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynnette Cooke